

Equivalence Recognition

Under the *Regulation respecting the standards for equivalence of diplomas for the issue of a permit of the Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec*, the Ordre applies an equivalence recognition process to applications from persons who wish to have a diploma issued by an educational institution outside Quebec recognized as equivalent in order to obtain a permit.

Activities relating to the recognition of the equivalence of diplomas issued by educational institutions outside Quebec in 2008-2009

Applications • Equivalence of diplomas	Diplomas issued in Canada	Diplomas issued outside Canada
Received	9	57
Full equivalence granted	8	1
Rejected	1	56

The Ordre agrees to recognize the partial equivalence of diplomas. Therefore, all applications to have the equivalence of diplomas recognized that are listed as “rejected” in the above table are reflected in the data on training equivalence as having been granted partial equivalence.

Applications • Training equivalence	Diplomas issued in Canada	Diplomas issued outside Canada
Received	3	71
Full equivalence granted	2	15
Partial equivalence granted	1	56
Rejected	0	0

Agreement between France and Quebec on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications

On April 27, 2009, the Ordre signed an agreement respecting the mutual recognition of professional qualifications of France’s experts-comptables and Quebec’s chartered accountants.

Mutual recognition agreements

In addition to the reciprocity agreement with France, the Ordre has signed mutual recognition agreements with 12 accounting bodies in other countries in the last few years. All members in good standing of these organizations may take advantage of this route to the CA designation, which takes their professional qualifications into account.

Issuance of temporary, restrictive or special permits

For several years now, the Ordre has had the authority, under the *Chartered Accountants Act*, to issue permits to members of a CA institute in Canada or Bermuda who hold a permit from such institute.